

Pradesh at locations Nagrota, Lambagaon, Pragpur and Ranital have been opened and started functioning;

(b) if so, from which date, location-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) The LPG distributorships at Nagrota-Suryan and Ranital in the Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh have been commissioned on 31.8.1999 and 25.1.2000 respectively. The applications for selection of LPG distributorships at Lambagaon and Pragpur of Kangra district, Himachal Pradesh are pending with Dealer Selection Board for selection. It normally takes 6—12 months from the date of interview till the date of commissioning of dealership.

Agreement to raise freight of tankers by BPCL

†4241. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Petroleum Company Limited has entered into any agreement to raise the freight of tankers for transportation of diesel and petrol by road;

(b) if so, by when this agreement was entered into;

(c) whether the said agreement has already been implemented; and

(d) if not, the reasons for delaying the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Tenders for transportation of petrol and diesel are floated by the Industry Co-ordinators for all the States in each region through Joint Industry Public Tender on behalf of all Oil Marketing Companies viz. BPCL, IOC, HPCL & IBP. The

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transportation rates are decided subject to the rates quoted by tenderers/negotiated rates.

Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited has signed an agreement with Transporters for transportation of Petrol and Diesel for various States in Western and Eastern Regions, effective from 01.09.1999 and 01.03.1999 respectively.

(c) and (d) The agreements have been implemented by the Western and Eastern Regions of BPCL.

Complaints against sale of Adulterated oil in Delhi

4242. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of complaints received from consumers regarding adulteration of motor spirit and diesel by cheaper adulterants like Naphtha, Solvents etc., during the last year in Delhi;

(b) what is the number of petrol pumps closed on the basis of such complaints during that period; and

(c) whether Government are aware that a large number of petrol pumps in Tilak Nagar, Moti Nagar, Hari Nagar etc. are still selling adulterated oil and if so, whether surprise checks have been conducted on those pumps and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) 28 complaints were received during the year 2000-2001 from consumers alleging adulteration of Motor Spirit and Diesel in Delhi. In 3 cases sales & supplies were suspended for 45 days and in one case the Retail Outlet was terminated.

(c) No specific complaint has been received with regard to these outlets. Checking of malpractices/irregularities at petrol pumps is a